mary and elementary education classes in Bihar during the Eighth Plan period (1992—1997) :—

Primary	Upper primary	Elementary
84,00,000	21,00,000	1,05,00,000

(d) The following are the other specific steps taken to eradicate illiteracy in Bihar :

An innovative educational programme namely, Bihar Education Project, has been launched in Bihar with assistance from the UNICEF. It aims at bringing about qualitative improvement in existing educational system and, through it, in the overall sociocultural situation in the State. The scheme comprises all components of basic education, namely Early Childhood Care and Education, formal primary education, Non-Formal Education, post literacy and continuing education and women's education. Special emphasis has been laid on the education of dis-advantaged group such as SCs/STs and the women. The project envisages to cover in a phase manner 150 blocks spread over 20 districts over 5 years period 1991-92 to 1995-96.

32987 schools in 328 blocks have been covered under the 'Operation Black-board' for providing essential teaching/learning equipments and additional teachers in single teachers schools.

51705 Non-Formal Education Centres have been sanctioned in the State for covering children in the 9—14 age group.

2100 Jana Shikshan Nilayams have so far been sanctioned for providing an institutional frame-work for post literacy and continuing education.

Articles of Archaeological and Historical Importance recoverd from Ayodhya

1349. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that quite a large number of articles of archaeological and historical importance were recovered from demolished site of the disputed structure in Ayodhya;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what arrangements are made to preserve and protect the articles in view of their importance ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) Necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Re-employment in Sangeet Natak Akademi

1350. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that retired persons are again being re-employed on various posts in the Sangeet Natak Akademi;

(b) whether such re-employment is against the clause of the service bye-laws of the Akademi as well as against the directives of Government since it adversely affects the promotional avenues of the staff of the Akademi and jobs to unemployed; and